



City of Santa Clara
Community Meeting on Airport Noise
Northside Branch Library
Wednesday, October 2, 2019
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

- How many exceptions have happened in 2018 of the 185,000 landings?
- South flow – how can Santa Clara northside be represented here? Seems like northern cities have a larger say causing increase in noise to us via increased take-offs despite the fact we bear the brunt of the noise? More south flow traffic would be very welcome to us.
- Noise mitigation – previous efforts were extremely ineffective with undersized A/C units, no insulation, and near useless 2 window (not double or triple pane) installations. How can we push for useful noise reduction solutions?
- Does the airport have noise monitoring stations?
- Has the airport considered the General Aviation Noise Ordinance adopted by Orange County Airport?
- When taking off, fly higher.
- Who establishes the EPNdB and who measures on a regular basis? Does the FAA take what the manufacturer says it is?
- Forty-Niner Games – advertising planes flying below 500 feet around in circles.
- Are our emails, reporting incidents, useful? Seems like every email gets a response that the flight is not in violation. Now I don't bother sending complaints. If I can find out how it helps I will resume.
- Can airport/airlines subsidize insulating our homes and installing better windows (2x double pane)?
- South flow resolution impacting North Santa Clara.
- Distribute flights away from residential.
- Impact of airplane noise is 10,000x sever than the stadium even though we live right behind the stadium.
- 6:30 – 7:15 a.m.: one flight every 30 seconds above 85 dB.
- Is there a time schedule for early morning flight take-offs? If so, it is not followed.
- Flights disrupt the free VHF HDTV signal at my home as they fly over – can something be done to minimize the disruption at all times?
- We cannot carry on a normal conversation while trying to enjoy our backyard patio – we literally have to stop our conversation until the plane has gone completely by. What can

be done to minimize this – I am sure that over time this will negatively affect our hearing.

- Is EPNdB level restriction/limit the same for day and night flights? The perceived noise level increases at night and therefore should be a lower limit.
- Do you have control of VFR traffic at the local level?
- Can the airport direct VFR traffic to avoid noise sensitive areas?
- The fines assessed to airlines for violating curfew hours are not an effective deterrent. Have you considered increasing those fines or adding additional penalties?
- Can you send more planes to the south flow? The south flow is currently a low percentage.
- Can you investigate other routes that are not directly over Rivermark or other high-density residential areas?
- There are flights every 30 secs >90 dBs. If we cannot have control over the flight path, can we factor the community in when you plan for growth?